SUBJECT No. 394.

Raising the tank bund of Devankere.

Messrs. N. M. Sivalingappa and S. Parvathappa, Kadur Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The Devankere tank which irrigates the lands of Birur, Hiriangala and three or four other villages has become shallow by silting and cannot contain water to suffice for more than three months. It is necessary that the bund of the tank should be raised and its capacity increased.

Reply of Government.—Will be referred to the Public Works Department for investigation.

SUBJECT No. 395.

Fuel from Yemmedoddi jungle.

Messrs. S. Parvatappa and N. M. Sivalingappa, Kadur Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—It was the practice from time immemorial for the Birur people to fetch firewood from the Yemmedoddi jungle. The jungle contains only wood fit for fuel and no timber of any value. Forest subordinates insist upon licenses being obtained. To add to this the fees are understood to have been raised. The old practice of taking firewood unrestricted may be revived.

Reply of Government.—The proposal is impracticable.

SUBJECT No. 396.

Allotment of gomal for Birur.

Messrs. N. M. Sivalingappa and S. Parvatappa, Kadur Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—This formed Subject No. 367 of 1909. Nothing has yet been done in the matter. Much inconvenience is felt for want of gomal land for Birur. It is prayed that sufficient gomal may be allotted out of the Amrut-Mahal kaval.

Reply of Government.—The Revenue Commissioner's report in the matter is under the consideration of Government.

SUBJECT No. 397.

Strengthening the Police staff at Birur.

Messrs. N. M. Sivalingappa and S. Parvatappa, Kadur Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Birur is not the headquarter of the taluk, but it is a populous town with extensive trade. The work of the Police now in Birur is not confined to the town. As the men are given other kinds of duty such as beat, etc., out of town and one or two only have to maintain watch and order in the town, it has not been practicable to prevent the frequent occurrences of theft here. The existing Police Station is in a corner of the town. Unless there be another Police Station with additional staff in the centre of the town there is no safety.

Reply of Government.—Action has been taken already by ordering the Jamadar of Kadur to stop at Birur as a temporary measure.

SUBJECT No. 398.

An Assistant Sanitary Inspector for Tarikere.

Mr. Sivappa, Tarikere Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—There is at present a Sanitary Inspector for Tarikere. The expense to the Municipality on this account is Rs. 600 a year, pay and allowances included. His work can be got through equally well by employing an Assistant Sanitary Inspector on a less pay. The savings will be better utilised for some improvement to the town.

Reply of Government.—The proposal is a retrograde one. An Assistant Sanitary Inspector will not be as efficient as a Sanitary Inspector.